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ABC COMMISSION APPROVES MERGER OF SYLVA AND JACKSON COUNTY ABC BOARDS AND OKS GATES COUNTY ABC STORE

RALEIGH – The three-member North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission met Wednesday and approved a request from the Sylva and Jackson County ABC boards to merge. The combined board will be known as the Jackson County ABC Board as of May 1. Sylva's voters had approved ABC stores in 1967, and the county-wide election for stores received Jackson County voter OK in 2012. The consolidation is the first among the state's 168 ABC boards since Taylorsville and Catawba County ABC boards merged in fiscal year 2012.

The Commission also approved a request by the Gates County ABC Board for a store location at 29 US 158 South, Eure, N.C. The new store will replace a former ABC store location vacated due to a highway widening project.

Permanent rules regarding in-stand sales and growlers also advanced this week. (Temporary rules went into effect in October 2013). The Office of State Budget and Management has certified the proposed rules and Impact Analyses, and at Wednesday's meeting the ABC Commission approved the proposed rules and Impact Analyses so the proposed rules can next be noticed in the NC Register.

The Commission also took action on 53 permit violations, levying fines in excess of \$63,000 and/or imposing suspensions of five days or more on businesses that hold permits to sell alcohol in the state. Fines are due May 9, and suspensions begin May 16.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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